

# Temple Beth Torah

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June 2019 Iyar - Sivan, 5779



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SPIRITUAL LEADER

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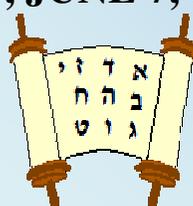
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## JEWISH NIGHT OF WHY SHABBAT/SHAVUOT STYLE SHABBAT DINNER AND LEARNING FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 6:00 P.M.



In honor of the upcoming holiday of Shavuot, which commemorates the receiving of the Ten Commandments, Temple Beth Torah will host a Shabbat dinner. It is customary to participate in special learning for Shavuot, since receiving the Ten Commandments signified the beginning of the Jewish commitment to Torah. Tradition teaches that we regard our receiving of Torah as the infancy of Judaism, which is why dairy foods are usually served on Shavuot; as infants in our peoplehood, we eat dairy because newborn babies are nourished by milk. We nourish our bodies with dairy food, and our minds and spirit by learning together. TBT will provide a dairy entrée, and participants are welcome to bring sides, desserts and QUESTIONS. After dinner, we will informally discuss all those questions about Jewish law, custom and tradition that you've always wanted to ask. Please RSVP to [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) so we can prepare for the right amount of food. All ages welcome – we will have a movie in a classroom for the younger kids if needed.

## A Unique Opportunity Celebrate Shabbat with the "Other Rabbi Dan" Friday, June 21, 7:15 PM

Rabbi Dan Aronson, who our students adore as the Hebrew Coordinator of TBT's Religious School, will be leading Shabbat services Friday evening, June 21. Rabbi Aronson has his rabbinical ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, bringing a unique perspective to Torah learning. In addition to many other academic and professional accomplishments, Rabbi Aronson has been certified to teach Bibliodrama, a specialized, interactive forum to bring participants into character with biblical ancestors. Thank you to Bruce and Susan Pollard for helping sponsor this service.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Temple Beth Torah is a congregation that embraces the philosophy and values of Judaism in the following ways:

Spiritually, by celebrating the richness and traditions of Torah, prayer, holidays and life cycle events;

Educationally, by encouraging learning, increasing Jewish knowledge and enriching understanding for children, teenagers and adults;

Compassionately, by caring for our members and others in the Jewish community in times of need while also fostering positive relationships with our non-Jewish neighbors.

Temple Beth Torah embraces the spirit of inclusion for Jewish individuals and families who represent a variety of backgrounds and family compositions.

## President's Message

**I don't know about rest of you all, but May was an absolute blur for us. I'm glad to be moving into summer and hopefully take a bit of a breather. That said, here's a look at what's coming up for our congregation this summer.**

**Jewish Night of Why, come and ask your questions, stump the Rabbi! We will have a wonderful Shabbat dinner as part of Shavuot and I hope to see everyone there.**

**Rabbi Dan gets a well-deserved break and vacation, and we get to see Rabbi Aronson flex his Shabbat Service muscles!**

**No Hebrew school for the kiddos, but we still have Adult Ed, so don't miss out.**

**Our congregational meeting is coming up at the end of the month so please be on the lookout for upcoming updates and exact details.**

**I pray everyone has a safe and fun summer and thank you to all our staff and volunteers that make TBT such a wonderful community.**

*Brian Eoff*

## Shabbat Services and Events in June

### Friday, June 7

6:00 PM Shavuot Shabbat Service -  
Pot Luck Dinner - Jewish Night of  
Why?

### Friday, June 14

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

### Friday, June 21

7:15 PM Shabbat Service with  
Rabbi Aronson

### Friday, June 28

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

## LAG B'OMER PROGRAM A GREAT SUCCESS

Sunday, May 19, was a wonderful celebration at Temple Beth Torah for all ages. We honored our Religious School students and teachers, as well as the Confirmation of Paige Daniels, Rebecca Shuman and Morgan Wadsworth (see page 6). The community was also entertained by Cantor Vadim's music and dazzled by the Great Hydini (magician Hy Penn). Then everyone enjoyed delicious lunch prepared by our beloved protector, Officer Will Domilos, who volunteered his time for a wonderful barbeque. Special thanks to Jeremy Blumin and Wes Goble for coordinating the program, and we look forward to many more multi-generational celebrations.

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### GRADUATING TO SHAVUOT

I always get a feeling of transition during the month of June. As children, we get used to an academic calendar. School is out, and young people transition from one grade to another. Graduating is a big deal, not because it is an ending, but because it is a beginning to the next stage. Today we see graduation ceremonies from elementary and middle schools in addition to high school and college. Each transition is significant.

It is interesting how our Jewish calendar lines up with our secular calendar. We begin with the High Holidays of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in September when school starts, and right around the time of summer vacation, we have the festival of Shavuot. At the beginning of the year, we prepare ourselves spiritually for a year that includes the three pillars of on which the world stands (according to *Pirke Avot*, the Ethics of our Ancestors): *Torah* (learning), *Avodah* (sacred service) and *Gemilut Hasadim* (deeds of loving kindness). We spend about nine months striving to do our best in these areas. Then, like a graduation ceremony, we acknowledge receiving the 10 Commandments on Shavuot...almost like a diploma.

But Torah is more than a certificate we frame and put on a wall. It is to become the essence of what we do and why. When you graduate from High School, college or any institution, the learning you've achieved is part of you. We may not quote from our textbooks every day, but we've absorbed that learning – both formal and informal – to help lead our lives. The same with Torah. It is always part of us, and the more we learn, the more we develop our sacred souls.

It's become traditional to learn in honor of Shavuot. Many institutions offer all-night learning. Last year, Loren and I spent Shavuot in Israel, and walked with thousands to greet sunrise at the Western Wall. When we received the 10 Commandments at Sinai, it was not the kind of diploma that indicated the end of our journey. It was an invitation to move forward, with a new commitment, to the next stage of life.

Summertime, beginning with Shavuot, is a wonderful time to renew our personal commitments to living the kind of life that exemplifies what we've learned from all our journeys...so far!

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Dan Gordon*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 28 - 6:45 PM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO VOTE ON THE BUDGET FOR THE 2019- 2020 YEAR. FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 6:45 PM BEFORE SHABBAT SERVICE. MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS, PLEASE CONTACT [TREASURER@TBTHUMBLE.ORG](mailto:TREASURER@TBTHUMBLE.ORG) . YOU MAY ALSO SEND IN A PROXY TO INCLUDE YOUR VOTE IF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND. THE PROXY WILL BE EMAILED TO ALL MEMBERS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY PLEASE EMAIL STACEY BLUMIN AT [ADMIN@TBTHUMBLE.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@TBTHUMBLE.ORG).  
\*THIS IS ALSO A GOOD TIME TO RENEW OR BEGIN YOUR TBT MEMBERSHIP, AS THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINS JULY 1. FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND MAILED TO CURRENT MEMBERS IN JUNE.

## Membership Forms for the 2019-2020 Year Are Due July 1st

All TBT members should be receiving their membership renewal forms in the mail in June. Please return your form to TBT by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for supporting TBT!

Please contact Jeff Kaufman, Membership Chair, with general questions at [membership@tbthumble.org](mailto:membership@tbthumble.org) or treasurer, Andrea Miller at [treasurer@tbthumble.org](mailto:treasurer@tbthumble.org) with any financial questions. For admin questions please contact Stacey Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

Interested in joining TBT? Please contact us—we would love for you to be part of our family!!

## **MAZEL TOV to the Graduates!!**

To graduating senior, **Brandon Curtis** from Atascocita High School. Brandon will be attending Lone Star College in the fall, preparing for a future career in mechanical engineering. Brandon also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, which included a service project to Temple Beth Torah. He and a group of volunteers cleaned and beautified the “Kavannah Corner” garden next to the temple’s sukkah and built a glider for relaxation under the temple’s back porch.

**Gil Velasquez**, son of Guillermo and Deysi Velasquez, graduated from High School (homeschool). He will continue his education at Keller Williams university.

**Emily Levy**, daughter of Steve and Kim Levy and granddaughter of Joni Levy graduated from Texas A & M University. She is now a CPA and will soon be starting employment at Price Waterhouse in Houston.

**Jacob Jorrie Farber**, grandson of Arnold and Manette Farber, graduated from University of Oklahoma May 10, 2019. His degree is a BA degree in International Studies with focus on the Middle East.

Additionally, two members of our adult community remind us that learning is an ongoing process, completing graduate degrees that go beyond previous educational and professional success. **Chris Baur** completed an MBA from Brown University that included an international component of studying in Spain, South Africa and Rhode Island. **Rabbi Dan Aronson**, TBT’s Religious School Hebrew Coordinator, completed his Masters in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

## ONEG INFORMATION

**The 2019 calendar is available.  
Save your Date Today!!!!**

Thank you to everyone who has provided an oneg recently. They have been delicious and a highlight to every Shabbat. Thank you also to those who have sponsored an oneg with your generous donations. Preparing an oneg is a wonderful way to celebrate a special event. It is also a way to commemorate a yahrzeit for a loved one. If you would like to do an oneg, or find out dates available, please leave a message for Stacey Blumin at 281-446-5611. Or email Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

## ONEGS

Thank you to those who prepared and/or sponsored the Oneg Shabbat refreshments in May:

Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon, dedicated to the memory of Holocaust survivors  
Linda Penn, Morris I. Penn and Riva Kremer.

The Keith and Couch family, in loving memory of Bill Denbina.

The Blumin family in loving memory of Joan Zinda.

Wesley Goble, in loving memory of Barry J. Liss

## AMAZON SMILE

Shop on amazon and give tzedakah to TBT. Type this web site and log into your amazon account and choose TBT (Temple Beth Torah) and a percentage of your shopping will go to TBT.

[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

## TBT CARES

This month we are helping FamilyTime help the children there. They are in need of over the counter medications such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen for infants and children. Please consider donations of medicines for babies and children this month. It is much appreciated. Please bring to TBT and place in the front office.

## BOOK DISCUSSION ON SUNDAYS, 11:15 A.M.

The Zen Commandments by Dean Sluyter is the next book being discussed during this lively Sunday morning get-together at TBT.

Join us this month as we explore reading and discussion and how it can change the way we view our lives. For more information, please contact Susan Pollard at [spollard@tbthumble.org](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org).

## ADULT EDUCATION - TORCH (TORAH OUTREACH RESOURCE CENTER OF HOUSTON)

**Classes Begins at 9:30 AM with coffee and refreshments served at 9:00 AM**

Start your Sundays with Adult Learning at TBT. Come at 9:00 AM for nosh and coffee and then join us for class at 9:30 AM led by Rabbi Wolbe from TORCH. The class has studied every portion in the Five Books of the Torah and is now moving on to another sacred text. Each week will include new ethical issues from Pirke Avot, The Ethics of our Ancestors and The Mitzvah Series where each of the 613 mitzvot of the Torah are examined. Participants may come to as many as they can. There is no charge for the class and optional gifts of tzedakah are welcome.

## Give a Gift to TBT!

**“Give a Gift to TBT!”** Please look for items needed by TBT **on the easel as you walk toward the sanctuary.** Take the paper with the item you would like to donate and bring the item to TBT. It’s that simple!!

Some of the needed items are **kitchen/bathroom supplies, Oneg supplies, and office/school supplies.** Items can be left in the kitchen to the right of the stovetop. Please place a note on your item so you can be acknowledged.

We will even take checks to defray some of our **ongoing expenses.** These needed donations will also be listed on cards on the bulletin board. Checks for monetary donations can be made payable to Temple Beth Torah.

Please contact admin Stacey Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) with questions or suggestions. We hope you will be interested in participating in this program of “tzedakah” and help our synagogue.

## TBT 2019 CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, May 19, as part of the Lag B'Omer celebration, three 10<sup>th</sup> grade students were presented with their Certificates of Confirmation. This is a distinction for those who continue their Jewish education beyond Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Paige Daniels, Rebecca Shuman and Morgan Wadsworth distinguished themselves by volunteering to teach younger children. They have enriched their own learning by teaching others, strengthening a personal commitment to Judaism and inspiring it in others. We are very proud of how our teenagers remain dedicated to learning and teaching. Paige and Rebecca have both been volunteering for four years and will be continuing with our Religious School next year as well. Morgan was a valued member of the faculty for her first two years after Bat Mitzvah. Mazel tov to all three! Below, you will find the comments they presented to the congregation.

### PAIGE DANIELS

I have been involved in this congregation for the past 16 years (since birth). When I began Sunday school here with Susan Pollard as my first teacher it sparked my passion for Jewish learning and the culture. I have always been that one kid out loud and proud about being the only Jewish kid in school. In life you are constantly sharing your wisdom and gaining it from others. From a young age I loved sharing my knowledge about the Jewish culture. I celebrated many traditions such as making latkes, apples and honey, and dreading matzah every year with my friends. If you could not tell, I really, *really* love the food aspect of Judaism. Ever since I was a little girl, I was always excited for my journey into Jewish adulthood by becoming a Bat Mitzvah. On October 17th, 2015 the day finally came. Even though I thought I had gained the wisdom and knowledge to be a Jewish adult. I came to realize the learning process still has not ended. I have so much more to learn, and I can share what I have learned so far by becoming a Sunday school teacher here. Through passing on my knowledge, I hope I will leave a lasting impact of pride and passion for our religion on these children as my past Sunday school teachers have done before. As I go into adulthood, I will keep this drive and compassion that I have gained from temple and continue all of these amazing and unique traditions in my own home and bring it wherever I go; because as Rabbi Dan had always told me, God can be whatever you want and He is always there with you wherever you go. I would like to thank you, Rabbi Dan, for bringing me this far and working countless hours with me and leading me down the righteous path of God. I also thank my Sunday school teachers, Jenn Dworsky, Rachel Pollard, Susan Pollard, and Carrie Keith. Thank you to my family supporting me in my religious journey. Even though I am being confirmed I realize the learning process will not stop as I continue down the path of life. Thank you.

### REBECCA SHUMAN

Teaching in Sunday school gives me a sense of pride in my religious studies. Not only am I continuing my education; I am sharing it by teaching the youngest members of our community. Because of their age (6-7 years old), I wanted to baby them because they're, well, babies. Yet, they were all reading. The first time they all counted in Hebrew, I was amazed. I thought to myself, "Did I do that?"

I'm in marching band and the directors call us their kids. Now I get it. My students *are* my kids. I'm teaching them about Judaism, about our faith. Trusting in your faith is so powerful. I was very inspired by my Sunday school teachers and Rabbi Dan. Before my mom passed away, she taught a full class of the older kids. Jenn Dworsky was also a major influence in my faith and studies. They both always had a plan and made it work every time. They had a way of inspiring young adults such as myself at TBT and I'm very thankful for that.

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## Confirmation Candidates continued....

### MORGAN WADSWORTH

I have been a part Temple Beth Torah since my family moved to Texas eight years ago. Growing up in Sunday school created a foundation of commitment towards learning and applying Jewish teachings in my life. I was so excited about Judaism, that in third grade, I asked my teacher if I could bring in a *sefer* plate and teach the class about Passover. My mom and I told the other students the story of Moses and explained each item on the *sefer* plate. This was only the beginning of my enthusiasm about learning and passing on my knowledge to others.

On the day of my Bat Mitzvah, I had the opportunity to share what I had learned about not only my Torah portion but a deeper understanding of myself and my spirituality. This event was certainly not the end of the learning process.

One of my greatest joys in life was being a Sunday school teacher for two years and having the privilege of working with children. I hope I have left a lasting impression of enthusiasm towards Judaism and I am so ecstatic that they are able to grow up in such a loving and supportive congregation.

I wish to bring Jewish traditions and teachings into my own home as I transition into adulthood. It is incredibly important that my faith is always present in my life.

I would like to thank my family for their ongoing support in everything I do, Rabbi Dan, Susan and Rachel Pollard, Carrie Keith, and Jenn Dworsky for their teaching and wisdom over the years, and finally I would like to thank you all for being here today. Thank you.

## “20 Years and Counting” Thank you

We would like to thank Panera Bread and Kristen Honey, Director of Donations, at 1717-A Humble Place Drive, Humble, TX 77338 for their generous gift to the silent auction at our recent gala fundraiser, “20 Years and counting.” This donation was inadvertently left out of our list of donors that was printed in our last newsletter. Thank you, Panera Bread for supporting TBT!”

## Create Your Jewish Legacy at Temple Beth Torah

What better way to help Temple Beth Torah remain a force in our community to inspire individuals and families to embrace Jewish values and practices that strengthen Judaism’s role at home, in the synagogue, and in the general community.

Temple Beth Torah was selected to participate in the Houston Jewish Community Foundation’s “Create a Legacy Program.” We are one of about 20 organizations in the Houston area that were chosen to be part of this.

You can participate by simply signing the one page “Letter of Intent,” which declares your intent to leave something (the amount is optional) to Temple Beth Torah at the time of your passing.

The formalization can come later, and you DO NOT have to change an existing Will or Estate plan to do this. Your IRA, 401k or Life Insurance policy is generally separate from your Will. A simple “Change of Beneficiary” form for your IRA or Life Insurance Policy document, easily obtainable at the financial institution that holds these assets, can be used to allocate any amount you choose to TBT at the time of your passing. There is no minimum.

To begin this simple process, please visit: [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org). Click on “Give” and choose “Legacy Giving” A letter of intent can be downloaded to fill out. You can also feel free to contact Steve Heller, Dr. Hy Penn or Rabbi Dan Gordon at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or call 281-446-5611.

Thanks to those who have already returned their Letter of Intent—we truly appreciate your support! Temple Beth Torah has been able to add new people in each of the last three years. This has resulted in receiving incentive grants from the Houston Jewish Community Foundation, which are helping TBT in the present and the future. Because five new people added their names to the list in 2018, we will be receiving another incentive grant from the Houston Jewish Community Foundation. These grants and pledges are helping TBT in both the present *and* the future. Thanks to all who are lending their support today and tomorrow.

## Torah Portions for June 2019

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

### June 7-8, Bechukotai, Leviticus 26:3-27:29

G-d promises that there will be great rewards for following the proper path of the commandments. Not only will the rain come at the proper times and produce our necessary food, but we will also live without fear of enemies. G-d will remember the promises made to Jacob, Isaac and to Abraham (curiously listed here in reverse order) to help us maintain our homeland. We're also commanded to tithe, donating ten percent of all we gain, realizing that all our gifts come from G-d.

### June 14-15, Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20

At the beginning of the Book of Numbers, Moses is instructed to take a census of the entire Israelite nation. Each of the tribes is listed with their descendants, and a number is assigned to each. Each tribe is given specific tasks. Aaron and his sons prepare the sacred objects and curtains connected to the Ark of the Covenant, where the tablets of the Ten Commandments are carried throughout the desert.

### June 21-22, Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89

"Naso" concludes the census, and the work of the various clans is described. Practical instructions are given regarding sanitary conditions in the Israelite camp and restitution for stolen property. To appease a suspicious husband, a "ritual in cases of jealousy" is given. People who wish to become Nazarites may not drink alcohol, have contact with a corpse or cut their hair.

We find the Priestly Benediction in this Torah portion, which has become a blessing for all life cycle events: *"May the LORD bless you and watch over you; May the LORD's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the LORD's presence be with you, and may He grant you peace"* (Numbers 6:24-26).

### June 28-29, Behaalotecha Numbers 8:1-12:16

The Israelites complain to Moses about their living conditions in the desert, and a disgusted Moses complains to God about them. God's response is to instruct Moses to delegate his power. Later Miriam and Aaron, Moses' brother and sister, demonstrate their jealousy by criticizing Moses, especially his choice of a Cushite wife. Miriam is punished with leprosy for her jealousy, but Moses pleads to God, "Heal her – heal her now!" Miriam's affliction lasts just seven days.

## Simchas in June Birthdays

1	Hy Penn
8	Carmen Auerbach
8	Carrie Keith
9	Joe Wadsworth
10	Jeff Kaufman
13	Elsie Kullman
13	Tina Sachs
20	Alan Solovay
24	Aaron Karash
27	Nzingha Davon
28	Julia Rhones
29	Dan Kullman
29	Ellen Winter
29	Landon Zweifel
30	Emma Brawn

## Anniversaries

4	Chris and Alyce Baur
9	Felipe and Media Ramirez
11	Bernard and Hannah Lewis
27	Shannon and Shari Ellsworth

## For HAAM (Humble Area Assistance Ministries)

TBT collects food for HAAM on an ongoing basis. Whenever you attend services, classes, or events at TBT, please remember to bring nonperishable items with you to help stock HAAM's pantry. Every item helps! Thank you for your support.

## KROGER card to support TBT

Kroger has recently upgraded their Community Rewards system and as a result TBT has a new account number-VE980. Please use this new number when linking your Kroger card to TBT so we can receive a percentage of your Kroger purchases. It's an easy way to help TBT earn some money. While the previous number will continue to be associated with our organization, it will not be visible to members when enrolling. New members can enroll by searching for either VE980 or Temple Beth Torah. If you are a Kroger shopper, please link your Kroger card to TBT at no cost to you.

## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

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### SECURITY FUND

*Joe and Karen Wadsworth - In honor of Morgan Wadsworth's Confirmation*

*Mike and Susan Cahn - In honor of Emma Flynn Burke*

### GENERAL FUND

*Raymundo and Gloria Mendez*

## THE CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee can help in stressful times, such as family illness, death, birth, etc. We can provide a meal and offer sympathy, transportation, childcare, or congratulations for simchas. If you know of a congregant who could use a little caring, contact Stacey Blumin by e-mailing [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or by leaving a message at TBT, 281-446-5611.

## June Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during June to acknowledge those who have passed away who were connected with our community. If there are mistakes or omissions, please e-mail the temple at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or leave a message at 281-446-5611.

Betty Ryder, Hannah Rosenberg Schalet,  
Shirley Rosenfield, Lester Kennedy, Mary Hirsch,  
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Bill Avery, Sydney Lovitt, Michael Masterov,  
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Lester Eidelhoch, Martha Sonnenfield, Rose Kharasch,  
Samuel Kharasch, Sara Kharasch, Isidore Kharasch,  
Elenor Kharasch, Ethel Berger, Perry Pollard,  
Sandy Pollard, John Ruskis, Max Sussman,  
Robert Greenfield, Henry Wellner Charles Deutsch,  
Rosa Auerbach, Robert Arner

## DONATIONS

Making a donation to TBT is a perfect way to honor a joyous occasion, like a birthday, anniversary, wedding/engagement, new home, job change, or retirement. It is also appropriate to honor someone who has passed away with a donation in his/her memory at the time of the passing or on the yahrtzeit (anniversary) of the passing. All donations to Temple Beth Torah are tax deductible. You can choose where you would like your donation to be applied.

### GENERAL FUND

Any donation that is not specified to another specific fund goes to the General Fund, which helps maintain the operating budget of the temple. Building expenses, insurance, staff salaries and all program expenses that are not underwritten come out of the General Fund, as well as support for the Religious School.

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

This separate tzedakah fund enables the rabbi to make confidential contributions to help individuals and causes that may be in crisis. The rabbi may also use this fund to help support unbudgeted programs that will benefit the temple or community.

### BURT LEVY MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

This fund maintains the library and helps purchase new books. Our library, located in the back of the sanctuary, is named after TBT's founding president, Burt Levy, who was a major inspiration in starting Temple Beth Torah.

### TRACY TOBIN JOHNSON MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

This fund provides scholarships to Jewish summer camps for children and for educational conferences for teachers. It also helps support special educational programs that are not in the general budget. The fund honors Tracy Tobin Johnson, who was an active TBT member, volunteer and teacher before passing away at a young age.

### TOM THERIOT MEMORIAL PROGRAM FUND

This fund supports special dynamic programs, often related to the arts. It is named after Tom Theriot, a lover of the arts, who was a constant presence at TBT and supported every cause.

### DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

You can now make donations online for any fund donation. Now there is an easy way to honor the memory of loved ones or acknowledge a joyous occasion by giving tzedakah. Tell your friends and family to visit our website, [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org), to make use of this mitzvah. Or SEE THE DONATIONS FORM ON PG 9

*Please consider making a donation to support Temple Beth Torah's many worthy endeavors. You can indicate which fund you would like your contribution to support on the form below, as well as the names of those you wish to honor or remember.*

*You may contact the Temple by calling 281- 446-5611 with any questions.*

*THANK YOU*

**Please mail your donation and form to the Treasurer at:  
Temple Beth Torah 320 Shallow Drive Humble, TX 77338**



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# June 2019    Iyar - Sivan, 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b>
					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM- Adult Ed – Book Discussion					6:00 PM Shavuot Shabbat Dinner and Night of Why	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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# Temple Beth Torah Donate a Brick Campaign

TBT member Will Pollard has built a brick path in front of our Sukkah as part of his Eagle Scout project. We are now giving everyone an opportunity to donate an engraved brick for the path with **all** donations going to support Temple Beth Torah!

This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or honor a friend/family member. You can also use it to commemorate an occasion, like a bar/bat mitzvah, a wedding, an anniversary or a memorable birthday.

Each brick can be inscribed with 3 lines and 20 characters per line (letters, numbers, spaces, punctuation and other keyboard symbols are considered characters). Various approved clip art designs can be made available for an additional \$20 donation per brick. If clip art is used, the text is limited to 15 characters per line.

## Brick donations are:

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| <b>1 Brick= \$100</b>              | <b>4 Bricks= \$280 @ \$70/each</b>    |
| <b>2 Bricks= \$180 @ \$90/each</b> | <b>5 Bricks= \$300 @ \$60/each</b>    |
| <b>3 Bricks= \$240 @ \$80/each</b> | <b>6 or more Bricks= \$50 a brick</b> |

Please send your check with the engraving information to TBT:  
320 Shallow Drive, Humble, Texas 77338.

Questions? Please contact project coordinator Jeremy Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

Name of donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number or email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Engraving details (please print):

## Brick 1:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

## Brick 2:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_